

Another aspect of the subject invention relates to the user interfaces designed to facilitate communication between the consumer and the editor. Taking claim 19 as an example, the user interface can include a region (22) for displaying a rendering of the digital image, and a region (36) for imputing textual instructions. Finally, the interface can include a drawing tool which ties the written instructions to the area on the image to be edited.


During the course of the interview, Applicants discussed the patent to Force (6,704,716) and how it relates to a variant on an EBay-type internet bidding system. The patent to Johnston (5,546,528) was also discussed as it relates to a method of displaying palettes. It was agreed by the Examiner that the cited prior art did not include teachings sufficient to reject the pending claims.

The Examiner agreed to do a further search based on the discussions and issue an appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted,

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